

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to the claims contained herein are at least of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not narrowing amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for various informalities. Applicant(s) have attached a revised drawing for the Examiner's approval. In the Replacement Sheet, Fig.4 has been labeled with the reference numeral 40. An Annotated Sheet of Fig. 4 is also attached showing the change and addition of the numeral 40. The Examiner's approval of the new Fig.4 and this drawing change is respectfully requested.

The reference numeral 624 recited on page 31 was incorrectly referenced in the specification as filed. The correct reference numeral which is addressed in the amendments to the specification herein should read reference numeral 124. Thus, no amendment to the drawing is required.

With regard to other drawing objections, Applicant notes the following:

The reference numeral 54, indicated on Page 11, is shown in Fig. 3.

The reference numeral 106, indicated on Page 13, is shown in Fig. 3.

The reference numeral 200a, indicated on line 12 of Page 23, is shown in Figs. 20 and 21.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for various informalities. Applicants have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner goes on to note that claims 1-16 could be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In response to the rejection of the claims, Applicants have amended each of the indefinite expressions or phrases which the Examiner pointed out in each claim.

In accordance with the above amendments to the drawings, the specification and the claims, it is submitted that the basis for the objections to the drawings and specification and the rejection of the claims is respectfully obviated.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that the amended drawings, specification and claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect respectfully solicited. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 4

